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IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALAIN AARON

FOR: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

The Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of 22 December 2003 of French Patent Application No. 0315177 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119 and the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

If any fees are due with regard to this claim for priority, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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